



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Atty. Docket: WANG156

In re Application of:) Conf. No.: 7555
Jack WANG)
Appln. No.: 10/660,668) Art Unit: 1732
Filed: September 12, 2003) Examiner: Mathew D. MATZEK
For: METHOD OF FORMING TEXTURE...)) Washington, D.C.
) May 12, 2005

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND REMARKS

Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Honorable Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Sir:

The Office Action mailed April 29, 2005, in the nature of a requirement for restriction, has been carefully reviewed. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Restriction has been required among what the Examiner considers to be two patentably distinct inventions, as follows:

- a. Group I, drawn to a method of forming a texture on a rubber piece, presently comprising claims 1-9; and
- b. Group II, drawn to a rubber piece, presently comprising claims 10-18.

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Applicants hereby elect Group I, presently comprising claims 1-9.

If the restriction requirement is maintained, it will be clear on the record that the PTO considers the groups to be patentably distinct from one another *i.e.*, *prima facie non-obvious* from one another. This means that a reference identical to the one group would not render the other group *prima facie* obvious.

Favorable consideration and examination of all pending claims on the merits are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a [XX] REPLY: RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND REMARKS in the above-identified application.

[] Small Entity Status: Applicant(s) claim small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

[XX] No additional fee is required.

[] The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA EQUALS
TOTAL	*	MINUS ** 20	0
INDEP.	*	MINUS *** 3	0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM			

ADDITIONAL FEE TOTAL

SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x 25	\$
x 100	\$
+ 180	\$
ADDITIONAL FEE TOTAL	

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x 50	\$
x 200	\$
+ 360	\$
TOTAL	

OR

OR

- * If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
- ** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
- *** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (total or independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment of the number of claims originally filed.

[XX] Conditional Petition for Extension of Time

If any extension of time for a response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

[] It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below:

Small Entity

Response Filed Within

- [] First - \$ 60.00
- [] Second - \$ 225.00
- [] Third - \$ 510.00
- [] Fourth - \$ 795.00

Month After Time Period Set

[] Less fees (\$ _____) already paid for ____ month(s) extension of time on _____

Other Than Small Entity

Response Filed Within

- [] First - \$ 120.00
- [] Second - \$ 450.00
- [] Third - \$ 1020.00
- [] Fourth - \$ 1590.00

Month After Time Period Set

[] Please charge my Deposit Account No. 02-4035 in the amount of \$ _____

[] Credit Card Payment Form, PTO-2038, is attached, authorizing payment in the amount of \$ _____

[] A check in the amount of \$ _____ is attached (check no.).

[XX] The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of Time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR §1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees under 37 CFR §1.18.

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